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Applicants: E. Alzheimer et al. Attorney Docket No.: ALTE117421
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Title: TOTAL CHLORINE FREE BLEACHING OF ARUNDO DONAX PULP

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated December 2, 2002 (Paper No. 9) making final the claim rejections, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows and add new Claims 10-15 as shown below:

1. (Amended) A method for forming bleached Arundo donax pulp, comprising:
- (a) subjecting a furnish comprising Arundo donax particles to a pulping process to provide Arundo donax pulp; and
 - (b) bleaching the Arundo donax pulp by a total chlorine free process to provide a bleached pulp, wherein bleached pulp has a brightness of at least about 60%.
10. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the bleached pulp has a brightness of at least about 70%.
11. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the bleached pulp has a brightness of at least about 85%.

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